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Research on the Education and Training of College Student Party Members

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Abstract

College student party members are the excellent part of young students and they represent the advanced forces of college students. To conduct the education and training of college student party members is not only a long-term task for college student party construction workers, but also related to the success or failure of the socialist cause, the prosperity of Chinese nation and the long-term stability of Chinese society. This subject analyzes the main problems in the current education and training of college student party members, discusses problems in the content, approaches, management mechanism of the education of college student party members and the team building of student party construction workers, and tries to provide means and methods for the education and training of college student party members.

Key words: Student party member; Education and training; Historical responsibility; Ideological and political quality

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INTRODUCTION

“If the youth are promising, the country will be prosperous; if the youth are strong, the country will be

strong; if the youth have hope, the development of future will be hopeful.” College young students are the leading part in social groups. They represent the mainstream group and the development direction of the majority of the youth. Student party members, as the excellent group of young students, carry the historical mission and responsibilities of building the socialist cause. Therefore, it is an important and long-term task for college student party construction workers to do college student party construction work, to strive to cultivate student party members’ spirit of serving the people wholeheartedly, to establish lofty ideals and believes of communism and to have a noble moral character and broad expertise.

In general, college student party members have lofty ideals of communism and firm conviction of socialism, conscious of serving the people, and strive to study scientific and cultural knowledge and they are proactive. They have played an exemplary role in college students. However, due to the development of the information age, the influx of Western liberal thought, young students as the mainstream of the youth, think actively and are energetic, open-minded, eager to learn new knowledge. All these make the ideology of current young college students and student party members emerge new characteristics. What comes next is the education of college student party members in work of party construction faces challenges. Therefore, how to combine the characteristics of the times and the characteristics of young college student party member in the new times, how to continue to explore the theoretical basis of education and training of college student party members, and how to strengthen the education of student party members’ ideals, beliefs, awareness of dedication and responsibility have an important significance and far-reaching influence to ensure young students are able to adapt to the new requirements of socialist construction in the new era.

1. THE IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY OF STRENGTHENING THE EDUCATION OF COLLEGE STUDENT PARTY MEMBERS IN THE NEW ERA

Education of college student party member in the new era means college party organization, guided by the party's classical theoretical ideology, carry out well-designed and organized ideological and political education and practical education activities so as to fully enhance the character literacy, political recognition and the ability to study and work of young college student party members and party activists, to enhance their awareness of organization and discipline, to strengthen their ideals and believes, to maintain the advanced nature of party members, to play a good exemplary role of party members and to make them become the backbone group force to practice the party's progressiveness. Therefore, under the current circumstances, the work of party building in universities is not only related to the training of student party members, but also concerned about the success of socialist construction. However, there are still many problems in the training process for student party members in many colleges and universities, making the training of young student party members encounter many new challenges and tough questions. Therefore, to further strengthen the education of college student party members is extremely important and has a historical significance.

1.1 It Is Necessary to Strengthen the Education of College Party Members in New Situation in the New Era So That Young Students Can Shoulder the Historical Responsibility

Young students are always the hope and future of the social development of a country. In the new century, the international and domestic situation has undergone enormous changes, which has brought challenges for the growth of young students. Western liberal thought continues to spread and western countries continue to implement political attempts of westernization and differentiation in our country. With a lot of impact from western cultural ideas and diverse values, some decadent lifestyles and value orientations have adversely affected contemporary college students, which have aroused the attention of university party construction workers. From the perspective of domestic situation, along with the deepening of reform and opening up, the market economy has been fully developed and our way of life, thinking and cognitive styles are deeply influenced and have greatly changed, shifting from single to diversification. All these play an active role in the cultivation of young students' self-awareness, sense of competition and innovation; on the other hand, if we are not equipped ourselves with progressive ideological weapons or we do not have keen political identification ability, we cannot lead the youth

to consciously resist the invasion of decadent ideas, nor assume the vanguard and exemplary role of young student party members. It is not difficult to see that, whether the college party building work is carried out well directly affect the success or failure of the socialist cause and it is related to the great mission of our national rejuvenation.

1.2 To Strengthen Education and Training of College Party Members in the New Period Is Needed to Strengthen and Improve the Ideological and Political Education of College Students

Conducting ideological and political education of college students is the foundation for colleges to carry out various tasks and it is the fundamental task of the college party committee. In *Opinion on Further Strengthening and Improving the Ideological and Political Education of College Students*, it stresses that, college students are very valuable human resources, the hope for national rejuvenation and the driving force of national prosperity. It has very far-reaching strategic significance to strengthen and improve the ideological and political education of college students, improve their ideological and political quality and consciousness for adhering to the full implementation of our national policy of thriving the nation through technology and education and personnel cultivating, for surviving in today's highly competitive international environment, for ensuring the smoothness of socialist modernization cause and for ensuring the successors of the great cause of national rejuvenation. Student party members are an important part of young college students and they are representatives of the elite of youth groups. They can fully play an exemplary role of student party members. Therefore, it has far-reaching significance to pay attention to and strengthen the education of young college student party members and to fully play the role of college and university party organizations in the ideological and political education among college students to improve college students' political and ideological consciousness.

1.3 To Strengthen Education of College Party Members Is an Objective Need for the Maturing and Growth of College Student Party Members

Restrained and influenced by subjective and objective conditions, there is still a gap between the quality and ability that college party members have and the objective requirements of party members as well as the historical mission hosted by party members. College student party members represent the elite group of outstanding young people among college students, but because of a short time since they have joined the party organization, the observation and training process is still not enough to reach the requirements of an advanced party member and they can be easily influence from various aspects. In addition, they have not grasped the party's advanced ideology, and their political identification ability is limited,

and college student party members are still immature in their thinking and behavior. Therefore, it is very necessary to strengthen education and training of college student party members and to further enhance student party members' awareness and consciousness of the party. On the other hand, college student party members are just like the group with their age. They are at a critical stage in the formation of their outlook on life, world and values, and they are not yet fully matured politically, ideologically and in behavior. In this particular situation, grasping of education and training of college student party members and cultivating college student party members to establish the correct outlook on life, world and values so that they can be mature in thought and behavior has become an urgent important task in front of college party organization.

2. EXISTING PROBLEMS IN EDUCATION OF COLLEGE STUDENT PARTY MEMBERS

At this stage, college and university party committees pay much attention to the development of student party members. In the process of training and inspecting young students before they join the party, the party committees have carried out a lot of detailed work and the majority of young college students also have a relatively clear understanding of the party. They require progress and they can take the initiative to learn the advanced ideas of the party. They can actively move closer to the party ideologically and in behavior. A large number of outstanding young students are absorbed into the party and the party also attracts more progressive youth to have desire and pursuit of the party. However, as the number of college student party members increases and the grassroots party organizations grow, the training and education of students after they have joined the party has not been given sufficient attention and there are many problems.

2.1 Grassroots Party Workers Have Conceptual Misunderstanding of Their Work

In the process of training and education of college party members, the vast majority of college and university party organizations can give full attention to the education stage before students are developed into party members, while the re-education after they have joined the party lacks investment. To explore the reasons, on the one hand, college and university party organizations generally believe that student party members have passed more detailed and solid education on the spirit of the party before they join the party and they should have reached the standards for a qualified party member; however, the co-called excellent is illustrated only when the school or the party organization need student party members to

do the work and they are able to positive response, and whether they can play an exemplary role in their life, study and work is not known; on the other hand, they overlook the importance of organizational life and they cannot carry out education in everyday life, study, or work at any time. Even if they carry out organizational activities, the purpose is mostly to convey files from a higher level of the party organization or to develop new party members. Organizational activities lack of theoretical study and practical discussion determine student party members' lack of the party spirit; as student party members who have joined the party organization, if they want to require themselves with party member standards ideologically and consciously, they must conduct solid theoretical study, criticism and self-criticism. The party organizations should take up the re-education of student party members, analyze problems in their thoughts and behavior at any time and give them guidance, otherwise even if they have joined the party organization, they cannot become qualified party members, let alone play the advanced nature and influence of outstanding party members. Therefore, college and university party organizations should arouse sufficient attention to the re-education of student party members.

2.2 The Educational Content Is Hollow and the Training Form Is Sparse

With the international and domestic situation changing, people's ideas are dramatically changing and college and university grassroots party organizations are facing new challenges; however, some college party organizations have not properly changed the form of education for party members, which makes the education seems tedious, lack of content and innovation in the form. The education is mostly in the form of reports, lectures and trainings; the educational content cannot be with the times, nor guide student party members to use the party's classical theory to analyze and solve practical problems; the cultivation goals for party members are not clear, leading to a lack of ideological learning stamina after student party members join the party; the internal evaluation system of party organizations to party members is not perfect, resulting in the quality of party member cultivation varying.

2.3 The Work Force of Student Party Construction and Ideological Education Is Weak

In the party building work in colleges and universities, the force invested in the re-education of student party members is weak. The first problem is that the number of full-time teachers for the ideological and political education is insufficient, and their quality needs to be improved. The political cadres working in grassroots for ideological and political education mostly are the secretary of student party branch. They bear the work of the identification, education and training of activists, the observation and development of new party members

and the comprehensive training and education of party members. Meanwhile, they also bear all kinds of transactional management and the effort invested in the re-education of student party members is extremely limited; on the other hand, there is not enough systematic and comprehensive training for grassroots political cadres who are engaged in party work. Even though they are familiar with the work of party affairs and the development process, their work is lack of innovation, lack coping strategies for new problems in the development and training of student party members under the new situation. They lack learning and improvement of their own political theory, which directly affects the effectiveness of the training and education of party members and restricts the effective implementation of the education of student party members.

3. THE CONTENT AND METHODS OF AND APPROACHES TO STRENGTHENING THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF COLLEGE STUDENT PARTY MEMBERS IN A NEW PERIOD

3.1 Taking Educational Content as the Core to Consolidate the Educational Outcomes of Student Party Members

3.1.1 To Conduct Ideal and Belief Education

Ideals and beliefs are people's spiritual pillars as well as the concentrated performance of people's political position and outlook of the world on the aspect of objectives. Whether there is a high ideal and belief is an important indicator to measure the state of a country and the national spirit. Under the guidance of the ideal and belief and under the encouragement of them, people can move on and hard work, and ultimately, achieve their goals such that the state and the nation can remain invincible forever. The struggle history of the Chinese Communist Party shows that, firm and correct ideals and beliefs are not only the spiritual pillar of Communists, and they are the source of power. In order to revive the cause of the country and the nation, generations of outstanding party members have contributed their youth and even lives so that we have continued to make progress in the party's cause and have made remarkable achievements. Therefore, we must always adhere to the ideals and beliefs education a top priority in the training and education of party members.

3.1.2 To Conduct Education on the Motivation to Join the Party

The motivation is the most fundamental, real starting point and the underlying cause of every party member to join the party organization. It directly determines the development path of party members before and after they join the party and it fundamentally determines the

basic literacy and behavior of a party member. It is even related to the party purity and progressiveness. Therefore, to establish a correct motivation is a very important ideological issue. With the times changing, ideological trends surge in society. Universities and colleges are inevitable from being affected by unhealthy trends. The phenomenon that the motivation of student party members becomes utilitarian is quite prominent, and some of the party members have incorrect motivations. They do not put the party's cause in the first place, but put more consideration on personal interests. They cannot unify their self-development with the party's cause. Therefore, college and university grassroots party organizations must carry out education on the problem of the motivation to develop party members' self-discipline and promote them to always bear in mind their own historic mission.

3.1.3 To Conduct Progressiveness Education of Party Members

The progressiveness of the party organization is embodied by each party member. The progressiveness of party members will determine whether a party has cohesion and vitality. It determines whether the party is able to maintain close ties with the masses, and it also determines whether the party's leadership can be strengthened and consolidated. Therefore, the education of college student party members must be related to the actual situation of current schools and students and maintain the progressiveness education thoroughly. Only in this way can the party's cause maintain vitality and eternal youth.

3.2 To Supervise the Education and Training of Student Party Members by Means of Management Mechanism

3.2.1 To Enhance Self-Management and Self-Education

College and university party organizations at all levels change their concepts of education, take the re-cultivation, re-education and re-improvement of student party members as the key tasks to carry out, and completely change the previous idea of focusing on the development while ignoring the cultivation. They should takes efforts to guide student party members to establish the concept of self-education, self-management and self-monitoring, so that student party members can be aware of the fact that the study, cultivation and improvement of party members is not momentary passion and a slogan and they should continue to study, conclude and improve for the party's cause.

3.2.2 To Establish a Comprehensive Student Party Member Evaluation System

We should adhere to the principle of combining qualitative and quantitative assessment, combine with the actual situation of student party members, and scientifically

determine the assessment content of party members' fulfillment of their duties and performance of the exemplary role, and increase evaluation of student party members' political awareness, professional learning and mass appraisal. At the same time, we should put party members under the supervision of all students, regularly evaluate college student party member's political theory study and their public satisfaction, and spur them to always keep in mind to fulfill the obligations of party members in their lives and in practice, to fully play the progressive role of party members, to constantly improve their own quality, keep learning and constantly improve themselves. We should seriously deal with unqualified members and strongly commend outstanding party members recognized by teachers and students.

3.2.3 To Improve the Quality of College Ideological and Political Teachers to Ensure the Growth and Success of Student Party Members

a) Colleges and universities should fully realize the important role of ideological and political education work force in party construction work, and constantly improve the structure of the student party construction and ideological and political work force. We should take full use of the university's human resources, and actively develop part-time teams working in student party construction and ideological and political work. We need to exploit the advantages of the ideological and political education of teachers of "Two Courses—Marxist Theory and Ideological and Political Education" and encourage them to serve as a student political counselor or participate in student party construction to play an active role.

b) To attach great importance to cultivation. As implementers of party affairs in college grassroots organizations, party construction workers and ideological and political teachers are entrusted with the difficult task of cultivating and improving student party members. In order to absorb more outstanding college students to join the party to play an active role in the cause, whether we can have high quality work force in student party construction and ideological and political education is very crucial; therefore, college and university party committees must attach great importance to this team, especially to the cultivation of the quality of full-time student political work cadres and take this task as a systematic project.

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